

small hydrophobic integral membrane protein (SH), the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase (HN), and the polymerase protein (L) (FIG. 3B).

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Using cDNAs which encode the functional anti-HER2 sFv (Batra et al., 1992; Chen et al. 1997) and the SV5 F protein (Paterson et al., 1984), two chimeric genes are constructed such that the extracellular antigen binding sites of the sFv are linked precisely to portions of the SV5 F protein (FIG. 3A). Briefly, the HER2-specific sFv consists of the variable region of the light chain of monoclonal antibody e23 attached through a short linker segment to the variable region of the heavy chain (Batra et al., 1992). This polypeptide has been shown to bind with very high affinity to cell surface HER2. Using PCR-RTM.-based methods (Parks, 1994), the sFv-F1 hybrid gene is constructed such that the sFv polypeptide is linked precisely with the F protein membrane spanning and cytoplasmic domains (FIG. 3A). For the purposes of this example, two hybrid genes are constructed, sFv-F1 and sFv-F2. The sFv-F2 hybrid gene differs from sFv-F1 by containing an additional polypeptide segment from the F protein extracellular domain. In turn, these two DNA fragments are engineered such that the final cDNA is flanked by the SV5 HN gene start and gene end sequences (Parks et al., 1992).

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The following example is a description of the use of recombinant SV5 (rSV5) as a targeted vector to direct infection specifically to HER2 positive cells. In the following studies, two human carcinoma cell lines are employed which express dramatically different levels of HER2. N87 cells are a human gastric carcinoma cell line which overexpresses cell surface HER2, and the anti-HER2 sFv shows very strong binding to these cells (Batra et al., 1992). A characteristic of the N87 cells which is important for preliminary studies is that they can be used to evaluate human tumor growth in a nude mouse model (Chen et al., 1997). The human mammary tumor cell line MCF expresses very low to undetectable levels of HER2, and the anti-HER2 sFv shows only background low level of binding to these cells (Chen et al., 1997). This cell line is predicted to be resistant to infection by rSV5-sFv-F. Other HER2-positive and -negative cell lines are also available (e.g., SKOV3, NIH/3T3).

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